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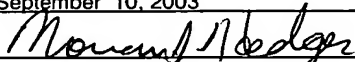
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Atty. Docket: 9513-0022
Applicant: Pelfrey
Invention: PNEUMATIC COUPLING
Serial No.: 10/076,256
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Dated: September 10, 2003

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed August 15, 2003, the Examiner asserted that the above-identified application contains four distinct species, Species I including Figs. 5-10, Species II including Figs. 11-18, Species III including Figs. 19-24, and Species IV, including Figs. 25 and 26. Accordingly, the Examiner has requested that the Applicants choose which of Species I, Species II, Species III, and Species IV to prosecute in the above-identified application. The Examiner further indicated that claims 7, 11, 16, 19, 34, 36 and 40 are generic.

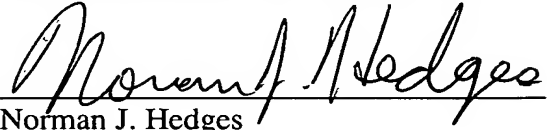
Applicants hereby elect Species III. Applicants believe claims 1-21 and 28-46 are readable on the elected species. Applicants requests entry of the Election of Species. Applicants reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications including the subject matter of the non-elected claims 22-27.

If necessary, please consider this a Petition for Extension of Time to effect a timely response. Please charge any additional fees or credits to the account of Bose McKinney & Evans, LLP Deposit Account No. 02-3223. In the event that there are any questions related to these amendments or to the application in general, the undersigned would

appreciate the opportunity to address those questions directly in a telephone interview to expedite the prosecution of this application for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Norman J. Hedges", written over a horizontal line.

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